

SATURDAY, NOV. 19, 1898

Matters have reached a point in the Dreyfus case where the authorities have decided to inform him of the change of sentiment in regard to his case, and he will be given permission to prepare his defense. Whether or not this is all part of the play, and is being done merely for effect remains to be seen.

came and while he was standing on the pavement looking at the signs of death displayed and making up his mind to call another day, the woman was moving her goods out the back way and having them conveyed to another part of the city. And still some men will say that women have no business tact.

The farmers certainly know what they want in the way of legislation, and from the returns on the stock law it is plain that is one of the things they do not want. It is equally evident that the matter has not been given such careful consideration as it demanded or the result would have been different. The principal objection to the law appears to have been that it would be too hard on the poor farmers who own no land of their own but yet can afford to keep a cow and a few hogs. The objection is not well taken, for the farmer who rents land from some one else can surely keep his fences up, or have them kept up just as well as the more wealthy man can. The principal trouble is that too many men want to keep stock and let them rustle for a living. They never think of feeding them and if they get anything to eat they find it either in the woods or in somebody's field. It is to prevent the depredations of "tramp" stock like this that the law is primarily for, and every man who has a field in which there is growing crops would like to lay down to sleep at night with the consciousness that his crop, whatever it might be, would not be eaten up or trampled in the ground before morning. While in some isolated cases a stock law might be inconvenient, it would be productive of good to the many. It cannot be denied that if stock was kept up, given the feed, care and attention that it should have, we would soon have a much different quality of stock of all sorts, and the increase in value caused by this change in quality would much more than compensate for the trifling inconvenience a few people might have to undergo.

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